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In re Application of Richardson, Timothy M.  
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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** (four pages) including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.